

July 2008

NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

DPS/Highway Patrol Division
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Overview

The Northern Command experienced some increases in activity for the month of July 2008. Total violations showed an increase of 26% when compared to last year and a .05% increase compared to last month. Some of the increase is attributed to the increase in staffing as compared to last year this time. As indicated in past SAFESTAT's the low staffing was placing reduced numbers in overall activity. Some of the adjustments were changing schedules to facilitate the needs while still trying to accommodate the needs of troopers and staff. Looking at these new numbers, the troopers working the field have worked hard to make a difference. Also, we have just experienced a good group of new troopers that have graduated the PSTO program and are now on their own.

Total crashes in the Northern Command have decreased and our fatal crashes remained even as compared to last year. On a positive note, we were 2 fatals down from last month. The sergeant's have been instrumental in placing troopers in high crash areas in an effort to reduce these numbers. Hopefully, we will see continued reductions as our presence is increased with the staff levels up from last year.

DUI enforcement was up as well. Many of the thanks goes to our graveyard troopers who have made this a goal to reduce the numbers of crashes as a result of the DUI driver. Swing shift also played a role with the increase. Our hope is to reduce the DUI crashes in the metro area even more.

Commercial enforcement has had some increases which is a positive from the last reporting period. Now that a large part of their training is slowing down and travel has been almost halted, the commercial troopers will be able to concentrate their efforts on check sites and mobile roving enforcement. As we approach the agriculture time, there will also be expanded coverage outside the metro area.

Overall, the numbers and efforts from all troopers and staff have shown that the morale and overall health of the Northern Command has increased tremendously as compared to last year. We have implemented several programs from DUI check points to the new and well managed motor program that will hopefully continue the trend of fulfilling our mission of reducing crashes on our highways.

The men and women of this command should be proud of their accomplishments. They are an example of the ethics we represent in serving the public in the most professional way possible.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

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	July 08		July 07	% Change		June 08	% Change
Total Crashes	277		329	-15.8%		292	-5.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	192		216	-11.1%		198	-3.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	81		111	-27.0%		88	-8.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		4	0.0%		6	-33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	16		16	0.0%		17	-5.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		7	-42.9%		6	-33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		3	-66.7%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		3	-300.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	19		16	18.8%		30	-36.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		11	27.3%		25	-44.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		4	25.0%		3	66.7%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.0%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 50.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.8%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	July 08		July 07	% Change		June 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	16		16	0.0%		17	-5.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	131		126	4.0%		116	12.9%
Other Arrests	513		545	-5.9%		493	4.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	259		256	1.2%		234	10.7%
Speed violations	2667		2280	17.0%		2293	16.3%
Hazardous moving violations	837		584	43.3%		871	-3.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	424		345	22.9%		440	-3.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	7229		5733	26.09%		7623	0.05%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	38		25	52.0%		6	533.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	29		19	52.6%		12	141.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	674		720	-6.4%		464	45.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	374		353	5.9%		277	35.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2117		2847	-25.6%		1317	60.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	113		133	-15.0%		53	113.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	82		77	6.5%		68	20.6%
Total school buses inspected	170		236	-28.0%		0	17000.0%
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Total trucks weighed	703		170	313.5%		1428	-50.8%
Total overweight citations	27		31	-12.9%		15	80.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	329		427	-23.0%		234	40.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	5		8	-37.5%		1	400.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July 2008		July 2007	% Change		June 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	158348		431942	-63.3%		243784	-35.0%
CAD Incidents	19975		16766	19.1%		15126	32.1%
Telephone Calls	18799		21918	-14.2%		17268	8.9%
CAD Logs	162937		126364	28.9%		145644	11.9%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	338		351	-3.70%		293	+15.36%
Arrest Reports Processed	313		249	+25.70%		226	+38.505
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	59		11	+436.36		11	+436.36%
Office Accident Reports Taken	18		5	+260.0%		12	+50.0%
Citations Processed	4587		4470	+2.62%		3682	+24.58%
Vehicle Impound Releases	4		2	+100.0%		1	+300.0%
Visitors at Counter	91		-	-		68	+33.82%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$849.50		\$1035.00	-17.92%		\$717.50	+18.40%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	1307		710	84.1%		907	44.1%
Warrants Entered	273		313	-12.8%		239	14.2%
Warrants Cleared	491		799	-38.5%		459	7.0%
Warrants Validated	419		2274	-81.5%		677	-65.3%
Extradition / Transports	22		33	-33.3%		24	-8.33%
EVIDENCE							
New NHP Cases Submitted	48		27	+78.0%		35	+37.0%
New NHP Items Submitted	112		51	+120.0%		89	+26.0%
Items Disposed	10		66	-85.0%		4	+150.0%

EVIDENCE

- Parole and Probation submitted 15 new cases and had 32 new items submitted.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.2%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 33 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Seven (7) Contracts using 226.25 hours, billed in the amount of \$14,785.89

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
93	6	8	0	2

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
27	101	2	0	0	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Drivers Edge July 17-20. Driving safety program for our youth where they are actually behind the wheel as training is given. One thousand (1,000) teenagers along with their parents attended.
- Ground opening for Food Bank of Northern Nevada

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of 14 missions during the month of July for a total of 31.6 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of flight activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
7	17.0	54	Prisoner Transport
3	9.8	31	Speed Enforcement
1	2.7	9	Personnel Transport
2	1.8	5	NDOT
1	.3	1	Maintenance

The engine began using excessive amounts of oil during the month. On the 16th, a compression test revealed markedly lower cylinder pressures and excessive crankcase pressure. The engine is 13 years old and is close to manufacturer's time between overhaul (TBO) of 1400 hours. The plane has been taken out of service pending a replacement engine. I anticipate the airplane will be back in service August 18.

10 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; three were flown. Seven were cancelled due to the engine failure. Following is the activity breakdown:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	100
Hazardous	2
Non-Hazardous	9
Seat belt	0

During the course of enforcement activities, five motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month was a silver Nissan clocked at 101 mph on the 1st on IR 80 at Derby Dam.



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